

the Notice of Allowance and the Notice of Allowability in the present application. In particular, the Written Opinion suggests that certain aspects of the invention similar to the subject matter claimed in claims 27, 29, 56, and 58-60 may not be patentable over White U.S. Patent No. 4,630,201 (hereinafter "White").

Rather than allow claims 27, 29, 56, and 58-60 to issue without these issues being adequately addressed, applicant would like to cancel these claims and pursue the claims in a continuation application. Because claims 28 and 57 respectfully depend from independent claims 27 and 56, applicant also requests entry of amendments to claims 28 and 57 to incorporate all of the limitations of the independent claims. Claims 28 and 57, as amended, include limitations not shown or suggested by White. Applicant submits that because the proposed cancellations merely cancel allowed claims and the proposed amendments merely make dependent claims independent, no additional search or examination of the claims remaining after entry of these cancellations and amendments would be required.

Accordingly, prompt entry, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312(a), of the proposed cancellations of claims 27, 29, 56, and 58-60 and the proposed amendments of claims 28 and 57 is respectfully requested.

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